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Idaho 2010 Apple Production

Idaho's 2010 utilized apple production totaled 60 million pounds, up 15 million pounds from 2009, but down 25 million pounds from 2008, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The final value of Idaho's 2010 apple crop was \$13.9 million, \$4.12 million above 2009's value. Fresh market sales accounted for 40 million pounds of the 2010 crop, up 10 million pounds from the 2009 crop, while processing accounted for 20 million pounds, up 5 million pounds from 2009. Processing of Idaho's apple crop accounted for 33 percent of Idaho's utilized production for the 2010 and 2009 crop.

Nationally, utilized apple production for 2010 is estimated at 9.22 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Washington apple growers reported that the cool weather in spring and later in the summer resulted in much smaller fruit than was expected earlier in the season. New York's apple growers reported damage to their crop due to spring frost, summer heat and drought, and a mid-September hail storm. The Michigan apple crop was greatly reduced by numerous spring frosts. Wet conditions in the spring contributed to reports of apple scab in some apple orchards. Apple maturity and harvest moved very quickly at most farms, and apple varieties were not harvested in their normal order this year.